

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, September 6. **Page H6645**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 11:47 p.m. **Page H6652**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Coffman presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on the Judiciary from the consideration of H.R. 496, to provide provisional protected presence to qualified individuals who came to the United States as children (Discharge Petition No. 4).

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6643 and H6644. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 3354, the “Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018” [Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a structured rule for H.R. 3354. The rule provides two hours of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–31, modified by Rules Committee Print 115–32 and the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 or clause 5(a) of rule XXI, except beginning with the colon on page 327, line 22, through “crime” on page 328, line 2; beginning with the semicolon on page 535, line 12, through “(12 U.S.C. 3907(b)(2).” on page 536, line 14; and section 7080. The rule provides that where points of order are waived against part of a section, a point of order may only be raised against the exposed provision and not the entire section. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of the res-

olution. Each further amendment printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides that shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, except as provided by section 4 of the resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 20 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that no further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 3354, it shall not be in order to use a decrease in Overseas Contingency Operations funds to offset an amendment that increases an appropriation not designated as Overseas Contingency Operations funds or vice versa, but does not apply to amendments between the Houses. The rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of September 9, 2017, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. The rule Waives clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 9, 2017. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frelinghuysen and Representatives Lowey, Rogers of Kentucky, Roybal-Allard, Carter of Texas, Diaz-Balart, Price of North Carolina, Adersholt, Bishop of Georgia, Hastings, Polis, Lee, Barr, Bass, Buchanan, Blumenauer, Budd, Jackson Lee, Gaetz, Schiff, Mitchell, Perry, and Rothfus.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D881)

H.R. 3298, to authorize the Capitol Police Board to make payments from the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund to employees of the United States Capitol Police who have sustained serious line-of-duty injuries, and for other purposes. Signed on August 4, 2017. (Public Law 115–45)

S. 114, to authorize appropriations and to appropriate amounts for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve hiring authorities of the Department, to authorize major medical facility leases, and for other purposes. Signed on August 12, 2017. (Public Law 115–46)

H.R. 2210, to designate the community living center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butler Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, as the “Sergeant Joseph George Kusick VA Community Living Center”. Signed on August 16, 2017. (Public Law 115–47)

H.R. 3218, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Signed on August 16, 2017. (Public Law 115–48)

H.R. 374, to remove the sunset provision of section 203 of Public Law 105–384, and for other purposes. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–49)

H.R. 510, to establish a system for integration of Rapid DNA instruments for use by law enforcement to reduce violent crime and reduce the current DNA analysis backlog. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–50)

H.R. 873, to authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–51)

H.R. 2430, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs, and biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes. Signed on August 18, 2017. (Public Law 115–52)

H.R. 339, to amend Public Law 94–241 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands. Signed on August 22, 2017. (Public Law 115–53)

H.J. Res. 76, granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the

State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission. Signed on August 22, 2017. (Public Law 115–54)

H.R. 2288, to amend title 38, United States Code, to reform the rights and processes relating to appeals of decisions regarding claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. Signed on August 23, 2017. (Public Law 115–55)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”, 11 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2018”, 2:30 p.m., SD–124.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine addressing the risk of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Communications Commission’s Lifeline Program, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Finance:* business meeting to consider the nominations of Gilbert B. Kaplan, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, and Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Robert Charrow, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine priorities and challenges in the United States-Turkey relationship, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine stabilizing premiums and helping individuals on the individual insurance market for 2018, focusing on state insurance commissioners, 10 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the history and current reality of the United States health care system, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Amy Coney Barrett, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Joan Louise Larsen, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William L. Campbell, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, to be United